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June 02, 2009

Mr. Donald Kral
c/o Reddy, Baran, & Kral Co.
2802 SOM Center Road, Suite 102
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

Re: Battaglia, Allison J.

Dear Mr. Kral:

At your request, I have reviewed multiple records related to the above-captioned patient's care by Dr. Francis Papay, a plastic surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. You have asked me to opine as to standard of care which applies to dealing with deep soft tissue infections particularly those which in the above-captioned patient appear to be related to fragments of electrodes which were in the past implanted in various parts of her body in an effort to produce motor capability in her otherwise paralyzed limbs and trunk. Dr. Papay has on occasion in the treatment of this patient explored various areas of soft tissue involvement where abscesses were found and thereafter drained with removal of fragments of wire and attendant investing material used in those electrodes.

It is my opinion to a reasonable degree of medical certainty that invasive surgical treatment of this nature is absolutely necessitated by the very nature of the abscess and that the suggestion that such abscesses be treated by either systemic antibiotics alone or by topical treatment would of itself be a breach of the standard. It is further my opinion that on the occasion of the patient's treatment for an osteomyelitis of the left ischium it is more likely than not the case that the nidus of the infection was related to a fragment of electrode which for whatever reason became the site of an infectious process adjacent bone and thus the cause of the osteomyelitis. In any event, surgical intervention is of necessity required.

If there is further information that you require regarding evaluation of this tragic patient, please do not hesitate to speak with me directly or by letter.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George R. Schoedinger, III".

George R. Schoedinger, III, M.D.

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CURRICULUM VITAE

George R. Schoedinger, III, M.D.

Born:

Columbus, Ohio - January 31, 1937

Education:

Eastern Oregon College, LaGrande, Oregon, 1956-1958

M.D., University of Oregon Medical School, 1962

Graduate Hospital Experience:

Internship, Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX, 1962-1963

Assistant Resident, General Surgery, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, MO,
1963-1964

Assistant Resident, Orthopedic Surgery, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, MO,
7-1-64 to 12-31-64

Assistant Resident, Orthopedic Surgery, St. Louis Shriners Hospital for Crippled
Children, St. Louis, MO, 1-1-65 to 12-31-65

Assistant Resident, Orthopedic Surgery (Basic Science), Barnes Hospital,
St. Louis, MO, 1-1-66 to 6-30-66

Resident, Orthopedic Surgery, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, MO,
7-1-66 to 12-31-66

Resident, Orthopedic Surgery, St. Louis City Hospital, St. Louis, MO,
1-1-67 to 6-30-67

Licensure:

Texas, 1963

Missouri, 1964

Oregon, 1965

Illinois, 1990

Maryland, 1996

Maine, 2005

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Certification:

American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, January, 1969

Military Service:

USMC/USNR 1955 - 1995.

Memberships:

Missouri State Orthopedic Society
St. Louis Medical Society
St. Louis Orthopedic Society
Mid Central States Orthopedic Society
American Medical Association
Missouri Medical Association
Clinical Orthopedic Society
Fellow American College of Surgeons
Fellow American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
Mid America Orthopedic Association
North American Spine Society
Southern Medical Association
Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S. (AMSUS)

Hospital Appointments:

St. Anthony's Medical Center - St. Louis
St. Joseph Hospital - Kirkwood
Missouri Baptist Medical Center - St. Louis
Des Peres Hospital - St. Louis
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1993 to 1997

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